

# Survey of Department of Defense Facilities with Low NOx Burners

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This study conducted a survey regarding recent experience with Low NOx Burners (LNBs) at Department of Defense facilities known to be operating or installing low nitrogen oxidesemitting burners on boilers. The data collected did not conclusively show that LNBs are chronically problematic, but a majority of the LNB-equipped boilers recorded in the data base reported problems with operation, installation, or commissioning. The most frequently reported problems were the failure of the units to reduce NOx emissions to the level promised and flame instability caused by a variety of factors.

## **Executive Summary**

Between October 1998 and February 1999, Technology & Management Services, Inc. conducted a survey for the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) regarding recent experience with Low NOx Burners (LNBs). The survey involved contacting 50 Department of Defense facilities operating or installing low nitrogen oxides-emitting burners on boilers and acquiring information on experience associated with the burners. Of the 28 facilities that responded to the questionnaire, only 13 reported operating LNBs and provided useful information. The data collected did not conclusively show that LNBs are chronically problematic, but a majority (10 of 16) of the LNB-equipped boilers recorded in the data base reported problems with operation, installation, or commissioning. The most frequently reported problems were the failure of the units to reduce NOx emissions to the level promised and flame instability caused by a variety of factors. Numerous innovative solutions to these problems were reported in the survey, but overall, the LNBs seem to be a source of significant frustration.

## **Foreword**

This study was conducted for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under Project 4A162784AT45, "Energy and Energy Conservation;" Work Unit UL-XC7, "Advanced Energy Supply Technology." The technical monitor was John Lanzarone, CEMP-ET.

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## 1 Introduction

#### **Background**

The U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) contracted with Technology & Management Services, Inc. (TMS) to conduct a survey of Department of Defense (DOD) facilities that have installed new burners to control emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) on gas- and oil-fired boilers. The low NOx burners (LNBs) are necessary to meet increasingly stringent air quality limits under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA). Operation with the LNBs, however, has raised concerns regarding the safety and performance of DOD industrial-sized boilers. Problems with flame control during LNB operation have been reported. There has also been a concern that manufacturers are not following the suggestions regarding LNBs contained in the non-binding appendix to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 8501, *Standard for Single Burner Operation*, 1997 Edition. These suggestions include relocating flame scanners and retesting operating margins after LNB retrofit.

## **Objectives**

The objective of this study was to document installation, commissioning, and operational problems encountered with LNBs.

## **Approach**

The method used to conduct the survey was outlined in the Research Plan TMS submitted to CERL on 30 October 1998. Facilities using LNB technology were identified. A questionnaire and data base were developed and tested on five initial facilities. The questionnaire was then sent to the rest of the facilities, and responses were collected. Data contained in the responses were then entered into the data base and analyzed.

### Scope

This survey was sent to DOD military installations known to have recent experience with LNBs. Results of the survey, and conclusions drawn from the survey are intended to pertain to these applications.

## **Mode of Technology Transfer**

This report and the raw survey data collected will be made available to aid in future DOD and manufacturer decisions about the design, application, and safety of LNB technology, through CERL's world-wide web (WWW) URL:

http://www.cecer.army.mil.

## 2 Facility Identification

CERL identified 32 U.S. Army and other facilities to contact for the survey, as well as contact information for persons or organizations with information on U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy installations operating LNBs. The 32 installations identified by CERL were:

Aberdeen Proving Ground Fort Carson Fort Hood
Carlisle Barracks Fort Dix Fort Jackson
Fort Belvoir Fort Drum Fort Knox

Fort Benning Fort Eustis Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Bragg Fort George G. Meade Fort Lewis
Fort Campbell Fort Gordon Fort McNair

Fort Monmouth Fort Stewart Pentagon Boiler Plan
Fort Myer Fort Wainwright Picatinny Arsenal
Fort Riley Fort Lee Redstone Arsenal
Fort Rucker Fort Gillem West Point

Fort Sill NASA

TMS contacted Mr. Henry Studebaker\* for information on Navy facilities operating low-NOx burners. Mr. Studebaker provided a list of 12 Navy and Marine installations that had installed LNBs, and appropriate contacts at these locations:

Subase New London Naval Education and Training Center
Naval District Washington DC Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Naval Medical Center San Diego
Naval Station Everett Marine Corps Air Station New River

Naval Subase King's Bay Subase Point Loma

Naval Shipyard Puget Sound Naval Amphibious Base San Diego

Mr. Studebaker also provides updated contact information for Mr. Gerry Doddington,<sup>†</sup> who was the reference listed by CERL for information on U.S. Air

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Force facilities using LNB technology. Mr. Doddington provided TMS with a list of six Air Force Bases (AFBs) to contact:

Andrews AFB McGuire AFB
Brooks AFB Robins AFB
Langley AFB Vandenburg AFB

The 32 facilities identified by the CERL combined with the 12 Navy and 6 Air Force facilities combined to provide TMS with a list of 50 facilities to contact, the maximum number of facilities specified in the Statement of Work (SOW). Appendix A lists complete contact information.

## 3 Survey Questionnaire and Data Base Development

#### **Questionnaire Development**

TMS personnel then created a questionnaire for distribution to the facilities that would elicit responses containing comprehensive information on the boilers and LNBs. The questionnaire was designed to be specific and thorough, but brief, to prevent any undue burden on DOD facility personnel. The survey asked the same seven basic questions suggested in the Research Plan. Appendix B includes the text of the questionnaire.

A data base was also developed by TMS personnel for storing contact information and data contained in the responses to the questionnaire. The data base was designed using Microsoft Access. Its design was similar to the questionnaire format to simplify the data entry process. Appendix C lists the survey results.

## **Questionnaire Testing and Distribution**

Contact information for each of the 50 facilities was established by telephone contact with the Office of the Director of Public Works (DPW) or equivalent at each facility. The e-mail address and phone number of the DPW or responsible party was recorded in the data base. The DPW or equivalent offices were advised of the pending questionnaire and encouraged to return a completed questionnaire in a timely manner. When redirected by the DPW to a different office, TMS personnel recorded contact information for the recommended office.

Before being distributed to all 50 facilities, the questionnaire was tested on five facilities: Langley AFB, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Fort Belvoir, Fort Benning, and Fort Bragg. The survey was sent to the DPW or equivalent office via e-mail on 5 November 1998. TMS personnel also contacted DPW offices at the facilities by telephone to advise them of the objective and importance of the survey and to verify the e-mail address. The purpose of the test was to identify any changes to the questionnaire or data base that might result in better or more complete reporting of data relevant to the objective of the survey. Unfortunately, TMS

received only one response — a note from Fort Belvoir indicating that the facility did not, in fact, operate any LNBs. After 2 weeks without further response, it was decided to proceed with the survey without altering the questionnaire. The questionnaire was then e-mailed to the contact established at each of the other 45 facilities over the period of 24 November to 5 December 1998.

Data from responses to the questionnaire was entered into the data base on receipt by TMS personnel. Some of the responses specified two or more different types of boilers operating LNBs. In such a case, separate records in the data base were used for each type of boiler. If different types of boilers were not specified, but multiple boilers were indicated, only one record was made. If the facility response contained separate answers to the questionnaire for each boiler, multiple records were used.

## 4 Results

Appendix C lists the survey results. The following sections report the level of response to the questionnaire, a scientific analysis of the data collected, and a subjective analysis of the survey.

## **Level of Response**

The overall level of response to the survey was low. Twenty-eight facilities responded to the survey:

Andrews AFB Fort Wainwright
Brooks AFB Langley AFB

Fort Belvoir Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center

Fort Benning McGuire AFB

Fort Campbell Naval Amphibious Base San Diego
Fort Dix Naval District Washington DC

Fort Gillem Naval Education and Training Center
Fort Gordon Naval Medical Center San Diego
Fort Lee Naval Shipyard Puget Sound

Fort Lewis Naval Station Everett
Fort Monmouth Picatinny Arsenal
Fort Riley Subase Point Loma
Fort Rucker Vandenburg AFB
Fort Stewart West Point

In addition to the facilities not responding, many of the contacts replied with a negative response, i.e., the facility did not operate any boilers with LNBs. The 15 facilities reporting no LNBs are tabulated below, along with notes about the boilers at the facility.

Table 1. Facilities reporting no LNBs.

DOD Facility	Notes		
Brooks AFB	Natural gas boilers		
Everett, WA	Natural gas boilers		
Fort Belvoir	Now converting to natural gas operation		
Fort Benning	Many small boilers		
Fort Campbell	LNB approved but never received or installed		
Fort Gillem	Natural gas boilers		
Fort Lewis	Natural gas boilers		
Fort Monmouth	Natural gas boilers		
Fort Rucker			
Fort Stewart			
Fort Wainwright	Coal-fired boilers		
Fort Lee	Natural gas boilers		
Langley AFB			
McGuire AFB	Just began retrofit; will complete 12/99		
Picatinny Arsenal	LNB installation to begin in April, will complete 12/99		

The contact at one of these facilities (Fort Rucker) replied that, even after researching literature on the boilers and querying boiler operations personnel, he was not sure whether his facility had LNBs. He requested that TMS personnel supply him with information to identify which of Fort Rucker's boilers might be equipped with the technology. For the purposes of this survey, Fort Rucker was classified as not having LNBs installed.

Of these 15 facilities, several completed the questionnaire, citing the installation of natural gas boilers as a NOx-reducing technology. For this reason, facilities that completed the questionnaire (but reported no LNBs) were included in the data base.

The remaining 13 facilities supplied responses to the questionnaire indicating the presence of LNBs on facility boilers. The thoroughness of these responses varied, from some that provided detailed answers to each question to some that responded to the questionnaire by returning an existing parallel document such as emissions reports or internal reviews. TMS personnel culled as much relevant data from these documents as possible, but there are gaps in the data for several facilities. The 13 facilities that responded to the questionnaire and reported operating LNBs were:

Andrews AFB Naval Education and Training Center

Fort Dix Naval Medical Center

Fort Gordon Naval Shipyard Puget Sound

Fort Riley Subase Point Loma
Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Vandenburg AFB

Naval Amphibious Base West Point Military Academy

Naval District Washington DC

## **Summary of Findings**

The 13 facilities returning a positive response to the questionnaire provided data to account for 16 records in the data base. Facilities responding with completed questionnaires but operating natural gas burners not equipped with nominal LNBs provided data for another 10 records.

The resulting 26-record data base does not conclusively indicate a problem with LNB operations in the field, but does indicate some concern on the part of boiler operating personnel. Ten of the 16 LNB records, or 62.5 percent, indicate that problems have been encountered during installation, commissioning, or operation. The low level of response indicates that facilities may have responded only if they had complaints about the LNBs. Even if all 22 nonresponding facilities have LNBs operating without problems, at least 26 percent of the possible LNB facilities have encountered significant problems. The type of problem most frequently mentioned in the 16 LNB records is operational difficulties, followed by commissioning and installation problems.

The most frequently cited operational problem seems to be compromised emissions performance. The LNBs do not seem to be delivering the reduced NOx levels promised. In addition, several facilities report problems with flameout or other flame problems. At least eight of the 16 LNB facilities reported some type of flame control problems relating to either  $O_2$  trim, gas line pressure, control system, or flame shape, with  $O_2$  trim being the most frequently blamed cause. Other operational problems mentioned include electrode failure, excessively high superheat temperatures, Flue Gas Recirculator (FGR) problems, and excessive vibration during operation. The facilities indicated that some problems were solved by modifying the equipment in the field, but the result is a customized burner that is not easy to replace.

Table 2. Operational problems and possible solutions.

Problem	Possible Solution		
NOx levels not reduced to correct	Install inlet damper to throttle air opening and increase FGR flow		
levels	Change burner tips for different flame shape		
Flameout	Resize orifice in pressure regulator to stabilize gas pressure		
	Adjust location or flow of FGR		
	Add screen around register		
Premature electrode failure	Cyclical loading problems – may need to downsize burner		
Excessive Vibration	Install plates in boiler breaching to reduce vortices		
O <sub>2</sub> control	Add O <sub>2</sub> trim system		

Installation and commissioning problems with the burners seem to be related to each other. Three of the 16 NOx facilities complained about the failure of installation contractors to help throughout the troubleshooting process. However, one response actually commended the installation contractor for quality work and perseverance. Two facilities also mentioned that problems could be traced to the fact that, with improved efficiency, the boilers became oversized for the application. Other installation and commissioning problems cited included problems with two boilers sharing a common stack, improper burner tips, and problems interfacing new equipment with dirty equipment.

Table 3. Installation and commissioning problems and possible solutions.

Problem	Possible Solution
Ignition problems in common stack configuration	Install stack dampers
Insufficient support by installation contractor	Establish higher standards for contractors
	Define contractual requirements for support through commissioning stages
	Use contractors with specific experience with LNB installation
Field modification of burners makes replacement difficult	Establish communication with manufacturer to voice concerns

In addition to the data entered into the data base, the survey provided an opportunity for informal discussion with site staff on LNB successes and shortcomings. In the course of conducting the survey, TMS personnel had the opportunity to interact via telephone and e-mail with boiler operations personnel at almost all of the 50 facilities contacted in the survey. It is evident that some facilities with valuable input on LNB operation failed to return a questionnaire or were excessively brief in responding to the questionnaire. Some subjective observations made by TMS personnel based on conversations with DOD facility personnel were:

With increasingly stringent emissions limits, low NOx technology is becoming a
preferred option when boiler modernization projects are undertaken at DOD facilities.

- 2. Many facilities are also retrofitting boilers to operate on natural gas instead of fuel oil or coal, for the same reasons.
- 3. Retrofitting boilers with LNB technology has resulted in much more frequent operational problems than installing new boilers designed to operate with LNBs.
- Flameout is a common problem in boilers that have been retrofitted with LNBs.
   Opinions on exactly why the flameout occurs seem to be as numerous as the facilities.
- 5. There is a widespread lack of knowledge in the field about LNB technology, and what exactly constitutes a "Low-NOx Burner."
- 6. Contractors are frequently blamed for problems with boiler operations after installation of LNBs.
- 7. Problems with Flue Gas Recirculation (FGR) are frequent after installation of LNB equipment. FGR design or flow rate typically need to be adjusted to achieve reduced NOx emissions.

## 5 Conclusions and Recommendations

The data collected in this survey did not conclusively show that LNBs are chronically problematic, but a majority of the LNB-equipped boilers recorded in the data base reported problems with operation, installation, or commissioning. The most frequently reported problems were the failure of the unit to reduce NOx emissions to the level promised, and flame instability caused by a variety of factors. Although survey respondents reported numerous innovative attempts to solve these problems, the LNBs seem to be a source of significant frustration for boiler operations personnel.

To further pinpoint and minimize problems with the technology, it is recommended that future data collection begin by choosing several LNB facilities to participate in a dialogue in which problems and solutions can be discussed in greater detail. It may be useful to examine similarities and differences in the operating environments of different facilities, the configuration of multiple-boiler systems, and the exact installation techniques best suited to LNB retrofits.

The low level of response indicates that a written or electronic survey may not be the most effective method of collecting LNB operation information from the field. Facility personnel are reluctant to devote significant time or effort to written questions. Also, a general survey limits the ability to focus on specific problems at specific sites. A more effective and efficient method of collecting information on LNB operation may be to focus on approximately five facilities and develop a detailed history and analysis of LNB operation at each site. Problems could be investigated thoroughly, and a protocol for solving recurring LNB problems could be developed.

## **Appendix A: Contacts**

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Director of Public Works

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Director of Public Works
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Director of Public Works

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Fort Rucker (U.S. Army)

Director of Public Works

ATTN: ATZQ-DPW

Fort Rucker, AL 36362-5135

Fort Jackson (U.S. Army) Director of Public Works

ATTN: ATZJ-PW

Fort Jackson, SC 29207-5650

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Director of Public Works
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Fort Drum, NY 13602-5097

Fort Hood (U.S. Army) Director of Public Works

ATTN: AFZF-PW

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Fort Gordon (U.S. Army)
Director of Public Works

ATTN: ATZH-DI

Fort Gordon, GA 30905-5040

Naval Station Everett (U.S. Navy)

Energy Manager Naval Station Everett

Everett, WA

Aberdeen Proving Ground (U.S. Army)

Director of Public Works ATTN: STEAP-FE

Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5055

Naval Medical Center San Diego (U.S. Navy)

General Foreman Naval Medical Center San Diego, CA

Point Loma (U.S. Navy) General Foremen San Diego, CA

Naval Amphloious Base (U.S. Navy)

General Formean San Diego, CA

Fort McNair (U.S. Army)

Brooks AFB (U.S. Air Force)

U.S. Army Military District of Washington

Superintendent of HVAC

Chief, Environmental Support Division Brooks AFB
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Acting Director of Public Works

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Director of Public Works

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Fort Riley, KS 66442-6000

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Mechanical Engineer
Vandenburg AFB
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Langley AFB (U.S. Air Force)
Fort George G. Meade (U.S. Army)

Director of Public Works

Fort Monmouth (U.S. Army)

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Director of Public Works

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Fort Knox (U.S. Army)

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## **Appendix B: Questionnaire**

The U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) has commissioned a survey of Department of Defense facilities that have installed burners to control emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) on gas- and oil-fired boilers. Your facility has been identified as operating a boiler (or boilers) that use this important technology.

Below is a questionnaire requesting information on the performance of these boilers. Please take a few minutes to answer each inquiry completely. Insert answers to the questions below and feel free to add further comments or information that you think is important under Question 7 at the end of the questionnaire. Please respond by Friday, January 15, 1999.

If you have questions or problems, call me at (301) 670-6390, Ext. 34. Thank you for your help.

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### **CERL Low NOx Burner Survey**

NOx Limit:

## Question 1. Please identify the characteristics of the boiler(s): **Boiler Type:** Boiler Size MWe: and/or Boiler Size MBtu/hr of Steam **Boiler Fuel: Boiler Description: Boiler Vendor:** Serial Number: **Date Installed:** Number of Burners: **Burner Operating System:** Other Burner Operating System: Question 2. Please state your air permit requirements, including NOx emission limit. Requirements:

lb/mBtu

Question 3. Please identify any recent major modifications, including low

NOx burners (LNB).
LNB Type:
LNB Vendor:
LNB Installation Date:
Date of Major Modification:
Other Modifications:
Flame Scanner (Yes or No):
Flame Scanner Vendor:
Question 4. Please describe the LNB installation problems you have experienced, the solutions that you have implemented to solve the problems, and whether these solutions have been successful.
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rienced, the solutions that you have implemented to solve the problems, and whether these solutions have been successful.

Question 5. Please describe the LNB commissioning problems you have experienced, the solutions that you have implemented to solve the prob-

lems, and whether these solutions have been successful.
Commissioning Problems:
Commissioning Solutions:
Question 6. Please describe the LNB operational problems you have experienced, the solutions that you have implemented to solve the problems, and whether these solutions have been successful.
rienced, the solutions that you have implemented to solve the problems,

Question 7. Are there any other issues or problems regarding boiler safety that you can identify?

## **Appendix C: Survey Results**

Facility ID	acility ID 27 Boiler Descriptions Copper Fin II								
Facility Name	Fort Benning	Boiler Serial No.							
Boiler Type	Multiple Boilers (over 50)	Date Boiler Installed							
Other Type		LNB Install Date							
Boiler Size	300 to 1800 Mbtu/hr	LNB Vendor							
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod							
Combination Fuels		LNB Type							
Burner System		NOx Emission Limit	0						
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	No						
No. of Burners		Flame Scanner Ven- dor							
Boiler Vendor	Lochinvar	Permit Require-	The state of Georgia does not have a limit on						
		ments	NOx emissions for boilers of these sizes						
Description of other	Modifications								
Description of Comm	nissioning Problems								
Description of Comm	nissioning Solutions								
Description of Install	ation Problems								
The manufacturer provided a	an extraordinary class on the	O&M of the boilers at the conclus	sion of the project.						
Description of Install	ation Solutions								
The instructor disassembled	and reassembled the boilers	in the on site instruction. There	are not any other issues or problems on these						
boilers that we have any con	nments on.								
Description of Opera	tional Problems								
Description of Opera	tional Solutions								
Other Comments	Other Comments								
Fort Benning has recently completed a project in which we shut down a central plant and installed about 80 new boilers in about 40									
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					USAIC, Director of Public Works, Melody Hall		
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buildings. All 80 or so boilers were Lochinvar Copper Fin II type which are low NOx (\*9.9ppm, I think).

Facility ID	39	Boiler Descriptions	Field Erected, side burner installed, original coal fired			
Facility Name	Fort Dix	Boiler Serial No.				
Boiler Type	Water Tube	Date Boiler Installed				
Other Type		LNB Install Date	01/22/98			
Boiler Size	50,000 lbs/hr	LNB Vendor	S.T. Johnson			
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod				
Combination Fuels		LNB Type	Forced Draft, Gas Only, Recirculating exhaust gas			
Burner System		NOx Emission Limit	0.1 lb/Mbtu			
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	yes			
No. of Burners	2 per boiler	Flame Scanner Vendor	Fireye #45UV5			
Boiler Vendor	Keeler	Permit Requirements				
Description of other	Modifications					
Description of Comm						
Description of Install						
Description of Install	ation Solutions					
Description of Opera	tional Problems					
Description of Operational Solutions						
Other Comments						

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Facility ID	2	Boiler Descriptions	Low-pressure Scotch Marine			
Facility Name	Gillem	Boiler Serial No.	01096778 & 01096777			
Boiler Type	Other (2 Boilers)	Date Boiler Installed	1/1/77			
Other Type		LNB Install Date				
Boiler Size	10,205,800 Mbtu/hr	LNB Vendor				
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod				
Combination Fuels	Propane	LNB Type	None			
Burner System	Other	NOx Emission Limit				
Other Burner System	Fire Eye EB 700	Flame Scanner?	No			
No. of Burners	1	Flame Scanner Vendor				
Boiler Vendor	Cleaver Brooks	Permit Requirements	49.9 tpy (all sources) for Nox			
Description of other	Modifications					
Description of Comm	nissioning Problen	ns				
N/A						
Description of Comm	nissioning Solution	ns				
Description of Install	ation Problems					
N/A						
Description of Install	ation Solutions					
Description of Opera	tional Problems					
N/A						
Description of Operational Solutions						
Other Comments						
None						

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Work Phone Ext. Fax Numb			Fax Number	E-Mail Ad	ddress		

Facility ID	24	Boiler Descriptions	
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Facility Name	Fort Gordon	Boiler Serial No.	
Boiler Type	10 Natural Gas boilers, no LNB's	Date Boiler Installed	1965-97
Other Type		LNB Install Date	
Boiler Size	13,800-35,850 lbs/hr	LNB Vendor	
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod	
Combination Fuels	#2 fuel oil	LNB Type	
Burner System		NOx Emission Limit	0
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	No
No. of Burners		Flame Scanner Vendor	
Boiler Vendor	Cleaver Brooks, Nebraska Boiler, Erie City Ironwor	Permit Requirements	The emission limits for NOx in the new boilers is: 0.20 lbs per MBtu gaseous fuel; 0.30 lbs per MBtu liquid fossil fuel. Older boilers: 100 tons per year or not to exceed 100 micrograms per cubic meter at ground level.
Description of other I	Modifications		
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Description of Install	ation Problems		
N/A			
Description of Install	ation Solutions		
Description of Opera	tional Problems		
N/A			
Description of Opera	tional Solutions		
Other Comments			
N/A			

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ATTN: AT	ZH-DI	ZH-DI Fort Go		Fort Gordon	1	GA	30905-5040
Work Ph	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Address			

Facility ID	14	Boiler Descriptions	Scotch Marine Firetube			
Facility Name	Fort Lewis	Boiler Serial No.	1-L-82519, 2-L-82518, 3-L-82517			
Boiler Type	Five Boilers	Date Boiler Installed	7/21/87			
Other Type		LNB Install Date				
Boiler Size	2x20.92, 2x13.40, 1x25.11 MBtu/hr	LNB Vendor				
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod				
Combination Fuels	and #2 0.01% sulfur) Fuel Oil	LNB Type	None			
Burner System	Honeywell	NOx Emission Limit	0			
Other Burner System	CBs	Flame Scanner?	No			
No. of Burners	1 each	Flame Scanner Vendor				
Boiler Vendor	Clever Brooks	Permit Requirements	0.1 lbs/MBtu for Natural gas and 0.3 lbs/MBtu on fuel oil			
Description of other  Description of Comm		ıs				
None						
Description of Comm	nissioning Solution	าร				
N/A						
Description of Install	lation Problems					
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Description of Install	lation Solutions					
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Description of Opera	tional Problems					
None						
Description of Opera	tional Solutions					
N/A						
Other Comments						
None						

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Address				City		State	Postal Code
ATTN: AFZ	ATTN: AFZH-PW, MS17		Fort Lewis		WA	98433-9500	
Box 339500							
Work Pho	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Ad	E-Mail Address		

Facility ID	3	Ballan Basanindiana	
Facility ID	-	Boiler Descriptions	
Facility Name	Fort George G.	Boiler Serial No.	
	Meade		
Boiler Type	Six Boilers	Date Boiler Installed	
Other Type		LNB Install Date	
Boiler Size	(2x48,000),	LNB Vendor	N/A
	(3x13,800), (9,000)		
	Mbtu/hr		
Boiler Fuel	No. 2 Oil	Date of Major Mod	
Combination Fuels		LNB Type	N/A; may install LNBs in future
Burner System		NOx Emission Limit	
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	No
No. of Burners		Flame Scanner Vendor	
Boiler Vendor		Permit Requirements	
Description of other	Modifications		
N/A			
Description of Comm	nissioning Problen	ns	
N/A			
Description of Comm	nissioning Solution	ns	
Description of Install	ation Problems		
N/A			
Description of Install	ation Solutions		
Description of Opera	tional Problems		
N/A			
Description of Opera	tional Solutions		
Other Comments			
None			
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					Director of Public W	/orks	
Address	Address City		City		State	Postal Code	
ATTN: ANN	IE-PW			Fort George	G. Meade	MD	20755-5115
Work Pho	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Address			

Facility ID	5	Boiler Descriptions	Field erected, multiburner, balanced draft with tubular air heater
Facility Name	Picatinny Arsenal	Boiler Serial No.	6899 & 6901
Boiler Type	Water Tube (2 identical boilers)	Date Boiler Installed	1/1/54
Other Type		LNB Install Date	
Boiler Size		LNB Vendor	burners by January 2000
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod	
Combination Fuels	#6 Fuel Oil	LNB Type	Both boilers are schedule to be equipped with new
Burner System	Natural Gas or #6 fuel oil	NOx Emission Limit	
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	No
No. of Burners	4	Flame Scanner Vendor	
Boiler Vendor	Combustion Engineering Co.	Permit Requirements	0.100 lb/Mbtu for Natural Gas; 0.280 lb/Mbtu for Residual Fuel Oil
Description of other	Modifications		
Description of Comm	nissioning Problem	าร	
N/A			
Description of Comm	nissioning Solution	ns	
N/A			
Description of Install	ation Problems		
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Description of Opera	tional Problems		
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N/A			
Other Comments			
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					Director of Public	r of Public Works		
Address		City		State	Postal Code			
Picatinny A	rsenal			Picatinny Arsenal		NJ	07806-5000	
ATTN: AMS	STA-AR-PW, B	ldg. 3002						
Work Ph	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Address				

Facility ID	10	Boiler Descriptions	Water Tube Fire Box Constructed (2 each)
Facility Name	Fort Riley	Boiler Serial No.	Nat. Board # 19312; Nat. Board # 19313
Boiler Type	Two boilers-Babcock & Wilcox type "FF"	Date Boiler Installed	1955
Other Type		LNB Install Date	9/1/98
Boiler Size	27.5 Mbtu/hr each	LNB Vendor	Coen
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod	9/1/98
Combination Fuels	Oil	LNB Type	Forced Draft
Burner System	Honeywell SCAN 3000 Automatic Combustion Control	NOx Emission Limit	.10
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	No
No. of Burners	1 each	Flame Scanner Vendor	Fireye
Boiler Vendor	Babcock & Wilcox	Permit Requirements	No stated limits. 0.10 lbs/Mbtu for natural gas
Description of Comm			
Description of Install None Description of Install			
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Other Comments			

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						or of Public Works		
Address				City		State	Postal Code	
ATTN: AFZ	N-PW			Fort Riley		KS	66442-6000	
Work Pho	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Ad	E-Mail Address			

Facility ID	18	Boiler Descriptions	Water tube
Facility Name	U.S. Military	Boiler Serial No.	
	Academy West Point		
Boiler Type	2 boilers	Date Boiler Installed	
Other Type		LNB Install Date	11/1/99
Boiler Size	150 Mbtu/hr	LNB Vendor	
Boiler Fuel	#5 Fuel Oil	Date of Major Mod	
Combination Fuels		LNB Type	
Burner System	Other	NOx Emission Limit	0
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	No
No. of Burners	4 each	Flame Scanner Vendor	
Boiler Vendor	Keeler	Permit Requirements	No. 5 fuel is 0.30 and Natural Gas is 0.1lb/Mbtu

#### **Description of other Modifications**

#### **Description of Commissioning Problems**

#### **Description of Commissioning Solutions**

#### **Description of Installation Problems**

We currently meet NOx RACT by fuel switching at our Central Power Plant (This plant consists of the two largest boilers and the next one down in size). NOx levels exceed limits.

#### **Description of Installation Solutions**

COEN believes that using different burner tips which shape the flame differently will reduce the NOx emissions to a level where fuel switching is no longer required (I.e., 0.30 lbs/million Btu or less).

#### **Description of Operational Problems**

#### **Description of Operational Solutions**

We cannot run the two largest boilers and full capacity right now and could not complete the testing of various tips supplied by COEN. We will be able to resume that testing in January 1999. At low fire, in November of 1998, we were able to (see below)

#### **Other Comments**

Achieve[d] 0.18 lbs/MBtu in the breaching, but not yet tested at the stack and through 12 or 15 turndowns. Other boilers appear to be meeting standards.

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					Environmental Grou	up	
Address			City State Posta		Postal Code		
USMA West	Point			West Point		NY	10996-1592
Work Pho	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Address			

Facility ID	19	Boiler Descriptions	Water tube			
Facility Name	U.S. Military Academy West Point	Boiler Serial No.				
Boiler Type	Other- 3 boilers	Date Boiler Installed				
Other Type		LNB Install Date				
Boiler Size	50 to 150 Mbtu/hr	LNB Vendor				
Boiler Fuel	No. 5 Oil	Date of Major Mod				
Combination Fuels	No. 5 Oil/Natural Gas	LNB Type	None			
Burner System		NOx Emission Limit	0			
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	No			
No. of Burners	1	Flame Scanner Vendor				
Boiler Vendor	Boiler Vendor Tampella; Bigelow Permit Requirements No. 5 fuel oil is 0.30 and Natural Gs is 0.10					
Description of other	Description of other Modifications					
Description of Commissioning Problems  Description of Commissioning Solutions						
Description of Installation Problems						
Description of Installation Solutions						
Description of Operational Problems						
Description of Operational Solutions						
Other Comments						

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					Environmental Group			
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USMA West Point			West Point	West Point		10996-1592		
Work Ph	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Ad	E-Mail Address			

Facility ID	48	<b>Boiler Descriptions</b>				
Facility Name	Andrews AFB	Boiler Serial No.				
Boiler Type	3 new Dual Fuel	Date Boiler Installed	7/1998			
Other Type		LNB Install Date	07/13/98			
Boiler Size	85.4 mbtu/hr	LNB Vendor	Forney Corporation			
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod				
Combination Fuels	#6 Fuel Oil	LNB Type				
Burner System		NOx Emission Limit	.10 lbs/Mbtu			
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	No			
No. of Burners		Flame Scanner Vendor				
Boiler Vendor	English	Permit Requirements				
Description of other	Modifications					
Description of Comm	nissioning Problem	าร				
Description of Comm	nissioning Solution	าร				
Description of Installation Problems						
Description of Installation Solutions						
Description of Operational Problems						
Getting the burners to perform as specified (reach NOx limit) with natural gas						
Description of Operational Solutions						
Burners were field modified; each is now custom and can't be replaced						
Other Comments						

Rank	First Nan	ne	Last Name		Title			
					Mechanical Engineer			
Address			City		State	Postal Code		
89 CES/CEOE, B3446 Tennessee Ave.			Andrews AFB		MD	20762-4803		
Work Ph	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Address				

Facility ID	1	Boiler Descriptions	Cast Iron Section			
Facility Name	Brooks AFB	Boiler Serial No.	F92-833			
Boiler Type	Hot Water, Heating	Date Boiler Installed	March 1993			
Other Type		LNB Install Date				
Boiler Size	560,000 Mbtu/hr	LNB Vendor				
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod				
Combination Fuels		LNB Type				
Burner System	Other	NOx Emission Limit				
Other Burner System	Power Flame, Model JR30A 10 HBS+6	Flame Scanner?	Yes			
No. of Burners	1	Flame Scanner Vendor	Fire Eye			
Boiler Vendor	HB Smith	Permit Requirements	None required.			
Description of other	Modifications					
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None						
Description of Comm	nissioning Solution	าร				
Description of Install	ation Problems					
None, contractor installed						
Description of Install	ation Solutions					
Description of Opera	tional Problems					
None						
Description of Opera	tional Solutions					
Other Comments						

Rank	First Nan	ne	Last Name		Title	itle		
						uperintendent of HVAC		
Address	Address			City		State	Postal Code	
Brooks AFB				San Antonio		TX		
Work Ph	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Ad	E-Mail Address			

Facility ID	33	Beiler Descriptions	
-		Boiler Descriptions	
Facility Name	McGuire AFB	Boiler Serial No.	
Boiler Type	3 boilers now being retrofitted	Date Boiler Installed	
Other Type		LNB Install Date	
Boiler Size	61.8 Mbtu/hr	LNB Vendor	
Boiler Fuel		Date of Major Mod	
Combination Fuels		LNB Type	
Burner System		NOx Emission Limit	0
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	No
No. of Burners	0	Flame Scanner Vendor	
Boiler Vendor		Permit Requirements	In September 1998, McGuire began a project to renovate/rebuild three large boilers (61.8 MMBtu/hr) with low NOx burners. The estimated completion date for these boilers is December 1999.
Description of other I	Modifications		
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Description of Comm	iissioning colution	13	
Description of Install	ation Problems		
Installation is just beginning (	September 1998) and wi	Il be completed December 1999	
Description of Install	ation Solutions		
Description of Opera	tional Problems		
Description of Operation	tional Solutions		
Other Comments			

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					Chief of Infra	Chief of Infrastructure		
Address	Address			City		State	Postal Code	
McGuire AF	McGuire AFB		Wrightstown	1	NJ			
Work Pho	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Ad	E-Mail Address			

Facility ID	44	Boiler Descriptions	fire tube boiler				
Facility Name	Vandenburg AFB	Boiler Serial No.					
Boiler Type	Fire Tube	Date Boiler Installed	1994				
Other Type		LNB Install Date	09/03/98				
Boiler Size	2.05 MBtu/hr	LNB Vendor	S.T. Johnson				
Boiler Fuel	Propane	Date of Major Mod					
Combination Fuels		LNB Type	Fully modulating diffuser head forced draft burner				
Burner System		NOx Emission Limit					
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	No				
No. of Burners	1	Flame Scanner Vendor					
Boiler Vendor	Kewanee	Permit Requirements					
Description of other	Modifications						
Description of Comm	-						
Description of Install	ation Problems						
Description of Install	ation Solutions						
Description of Opera	tional Problems						
Description of Opera	Description of Operational Solutions						
Other Comments							

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Address	Address			City		State	Postal Code	
Vandenburg	g AFB			Lompoc		CA		
Work Ph	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Ad	E-Mail Address			

Facility ID	45	Boiler Descriptions	Model HPG-2500 low-pressure steam boiler				
Facility Name	Vandenburg AFB	Boiler Serial No.					
Boiler Type	Low-pressure steam boiler	Date Boiler Installed	12/31/98				
Other Type		LNB Install Date	12/31/98				
Boiler Size	2.5 Mbtu/hr	LNB Vendor	Ajax				
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod					
Combination Fuels		LNB Type	premix manifold				
Burner System		NOx Emission Limit					
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	No				
No. of Burners	1	Flame Scanner Vendor					
Boiler Vendor	Ajax	Permit Requirements					
Description of other	Modifications						
Description of Comm	nissioning Problen	าร					
Description of Comm	nissioning Solution	ns					
Description of Install	ation Problems						
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Description of Opera	tional Problems						
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Other Comments	Other Comments						

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Vandenburg	g AFB			Lompoc		CA		
Work Ph	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Ad	E-Mail Address			

Facility ID	46	Boiler Descriptions	New water tube boiler					
Facility Name	Vandenburg AFB	Boiler Serial No.						
Boiler Type	Water Tube	Date Boiler Installed	3/18/98					
Other Type		LNB Install Date	03/18/98					
Boiler Size	2.5MBtu/hr	LNB Vendor	Alzeta Corporation					
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod						
Combination Fuels		LNB Type	Pyromat Radiation Stabilized power burner					
Burner System		NOx Emission Limit						
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	No					
No. of Burners	1	Flame Scanner Vendor						
Boiler Vendor	PVI Industries, Inc.	Permit Requirements						
Description of other	Description of other Modifications							

#### **Description of Commissioning Problems**

1) Inconsistent gas line pressure caused flameout; 2) Clogged heat exchanger in old hot water tank

# **Description of Commissioning Solutions**

1) Restricted the gas line by resizing the orifice in the pressure regulator; 2) Removed and cleaned heat exchanger

## **Description of Installation Problems**

## **Description of Installation Solutions**

## **Description of Operational Problems**

The electrodes wore out prematurely due to cyclical loading on the boiler causing it to turn on and off.

#### **Description of Operational Solutions**

It was determined that the boiler was oversized for the application, so the burner will be replaced with a smaller unit.

## **Other Comments**

Rank	First Nan	ne	Last Name		Title	Title		
					Engineer			
Address	Address			City State Posta		Postal Code		
Vandenburg	AFB			Lompoc		CA		
Work Pho	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Address				

Facility ID	16	Boiler Descriptions	Water Tube
Facility Name	Naval District	Boiler Serial No.	D2898 & D2900
	Washington DC		
Boiler Type	Two Boilers	Date Boiler Installed	4/93
Other Type		LNB Install Date	4/1/93
Boiler Size	85,000 lbs/hr	LNB Vendor	Peabody
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod	
Combination Fuels	#2 fuel oil	LNB Type	ISC-23 Low NOx FlexiPak,
Burner System	Preferred Rimcor PCII	NOx Emission Limit	0.1 lb/Mbtu
Other Burner System	Master Controller run by Allen-Bradley	Flame Scanner?	Yes
	PLC rack		
No. of Burners	1	Flame Scanner Vendor	Peabody
Boiler Vendor	Nebraska	Permit Requirements	.1 - natural gas, 0.2 - fuel oil lb/Mbtu

## **Description of other Modifications**

#### **Description of Commissioning Problems**

Problems in lighting and maintaining the fire of the boilers (especially on oil).

## **Description of Commissioning Solutions**

#### **Description of Installation Problems**

The main problem was the boilers were improperly designed to operate through a common stack. Also poor flame scanners, linkage kinematics for the forced draft fan. Incorrect positioning of gas spuds and incorrect oil tips and plugs.

#### **Description of Installation Solutions**

The boilers required installation of stack dampers not originally designed to control the lighting and maintaining flame. The linkages for the forced draft fans were removed because of repeated broken rods. Replaced gas spuds settings and oil tips.

## **Description of Operational Problems**

At present, we have one operational problem, excessive vibration above 55,000 lb/hr on both boilers. It has not been determined whether the problem is because of the LNB or other equipment.

## **Description of Operational Solutions**

We have tried to install plates in the boiler breaching to reduce vortices shown by one study. Yet, this did not work. Another study will be conducted by a difference vendor within the next few months to resolve this issue.

#### **Other Comments**

Also, flame scanners are extremely sensitive with limited scope due to the burner throat configuration, so there were problems aiming the scanner to view the flame. Scanner aiming is still difficult if moved.

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					Mechanical Engineer		
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				Washington		DC	
Work Pho	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Address			

Facility ID	23	Boiler Descriptions	Water tube, field, side burner in, original coal fired
Facility Name	Naval Station Everett	Boiler Serial No.	
Boiler Type	Water Tube	Date Boiler Installed	
Other Type		LNB Install Date	1/1/98
Boiler Size	50000	LNB Vendor	S.T. Johnson
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod	1/22/98
Combination Fuels		LNB Type	Draft, Gas Only, Recirculating exchange gas
Burner System	Automatic flame	NOx Emission Limit	0
Other Burner System	Same	Flame Scanner?	Yes
No. of Burners	2	Flame Scanner Vendor	Fireye
Boiler Vendor	Keeler	Permit Requirements	Air permit applications submitted to NJ Dep, April 1998 still
			0.1 lb/hr Nox Limit will be required to meet the stack test
Description of other	Modifications		
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None			
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Description of Install	lation Problems		
No major problems (significa			
Description of Install	lation Solutions		
Description of Opera	tional Problems		
None			
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Other Comments			
No			

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					Energy Manager		
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Naval Statio	Naval Station Everett			Everett		WA	
Work Ph	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Address			

Facility ID	11	Boiler Descriptions	
Facility Name	Naval Station	Boiler Serial No.	WG 3879, W3805, W3806, W3807
-	Everett		
Boiler Type	4 Water Tube	Date Boiler Installed	1/1/95
	Boilers		
Other Type		LNB Install Date	
Boiler Size	3x20,000 lb/hr,	LNB Vendor	
	1x30,000 lb/hr		
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod	
Combination Fuels	#2 Fuel Oil	LNB Type	None
Burner System	Cleaver Brooks Dual	NOx Emission Limit	0.05 lb/Mbtu
	Fuel (Air & Steam		
	Atomization)		
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	No
No. of Burners	1	Flame Scanner Vendor	
Boiler Vendor	Cleaver Brooks	Permit Requirements	Plant Design Specs- 400 ppm CO; 30 ppm Nox;
			80 ppm Sox
Description of other I	Modifications		
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None other than normal tunin	g curves		
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Other Comments			

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					Energy Manager		
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Naval Statio	Naval Station Everett		Everett		WA		
Work Pho	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Address			

17	Boiler Descriptions	Three boilers, two for operation and the third as
		a backup
Naval Shipyard	Boiler Serial No.	4024/4025/4026
Puget Sound		
Riley VR-C3 (mod)	Date Boiler Installed	1988
Balanced Draft (3		
boilers)		
	LNB Install Date	8/1/96
146,444KBtu/hr per	LNB Vendor	COEN
boiler		
No. 2 Oil	Date of Major Mod	8/1/96
	LNB Type	CPF/LN-30
Coen	NOx Emission Limit	0.1
	Flame Scanner?	Yes
2 per boiler	Flame Scanner Vendor	Fireye
Riley	Permit Requirements	Nox Limit: 0.1 lb/MBtu
	Naval Shipyard Puget Sound Riley VR-C3 (mod) Balanced Draft (3 boilers)  146,444KBtu/hr per boiler No. 2 Oil  Coen	Naval Shipyard Puget Sound  Riley VR-C3 (mod) Balanced Draft (3 boilers)  LNB Install Date  146,444KBtu/hr per boiler  No. 2 Oil  Date of Major Mod  LNB Type  Coen  NOx Emission Limit  Flame Scanner?  Plame Scanner Vendor

# **Description of other Modifications**

Mod. From coal to natural gas

# **Description of Commissioning Problems**

None

## **Description of Commissioning Solutions**

None

## **Description of Installation Problems**

None

#### **Description of Installation Solutions**

None

# **Description of Operational Problems**

02 control

#### **Description of Operational Solutions**

Previous oil 02 control was not a concern as it was a backup fuel. It is much more a concern when we switched to natural gas. Existing forced draft dampers were too course a control system in tune for optimum 02. An 02 trim system was added.

## **Other Comments**

None

Rank	First Nan	ne	Last Name		Title			
					Mechanical Engineer			
Address	Address			City		State	Postal Code	
Naval Shipy	Naval Shipyard		Puget Sound	d	WA			
Work Pho	one	Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Ad	E-Mail Address			

Facility ID	42	<b>Boiler Descriptions</b>	"SD" Field Ereceted w/ air preheaters
Facility Name	Naval Education and	Boiler Serial No.	Riley Stoker 3367 & 3368
	Training Center		
Boiler Type	(2)SD 2 drum bent	Date Boiler Installed	1959
	tube front wall-fired		
Other Type		LNB Install Date	01/01/96
Boiler Size	75,000 lbs/hr each	LNB Vendor	DAF
Boiler Fuel	No. 4 Oil/Natural	Date of Major Mod	
	Gas		
Combination Fuels		LNB Type	Dual fuel, low NOx, induced FGR
Burner System	COEN 2000 BMS	NOx Emission Limit	
	with PLC (Allen		
	Bradley) control		
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	No
No. of Burners	1	Flame Scanner Vendor	Fireye
Boiler Vendor	Riley Stoker	Permit Requirements	0.11 lb/Mbtu
Description of other	Modifications		
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Description of Comm	nissioning Solution	ns	
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Description of Install	ation Problems		
Description of Install	ation Solutions		

# **Description of Operational Problems**

1) Superheat temp high; 2) Improper installation/location of FGR to boiler stack; 3) Hayes controls insufficient for complexity of balanced draft w/ fgr control. 4) Flame long w/ short fuse box

## **Description of Operational Solutions**

1) Units were designed for higher temp and pressure, so OK; 2) will relocate tie in to stack; 3) Will replace controls; 4) COEN found the right tips and flame problems were corrected--Flame is more stable on the older Rileys than the Nebraska boiler.

## **Other Comments**

Stack monitoring O2 a must (either as alarm or BMS cut out) and recommend installing O2 monitoring in the windbox (depending on size of unit)

Rank	First Name	Last Name		Title		
			Supervisor Planning			
Address			City State P		Postal Code	
Naval Educa	Naval Education and Training Center Public Works Engineering			City		
Division	Division					
Work Pho	one Ext.	Fax Number	E-Mail Address			

Facility ID	41	Boiler Descriptions	"D" package type with economizer.
Facility Name	Naval Education and Training Center	Boiler Serial No.	NEB D2092,
Boiler Type	Lea "D" package type w/economizer	Date Boiler Installed	1/1/87
Other Type		LNB Install Date	1/1/94
Boiler Size	80,000 lbs/hr	LNB Vendor	Coen
Boiler Fuel	No. 4 Oil/Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod	
Combination Fuels		LNB Type	Dual fuel, low NOx, induced FGR
Burner System	COEN 2000 BMS with PLC (Allen Bradley) control	NOx Emission Limit	
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	Yes
No. of Burners	1	Flame Scanner Vendor	Coen
Boiler Vendor	Nebraska	Permit Requirements	Nebraska currently the only permitted boiler, particulate emissions limited to 0.11 bls/MMBtu or 28.35 lbs/hr, whichever is more stringent.  Low sulfur fuel (less than 0.5%) also required.

#### **Description of other Modifications**

#### **Description of Commissioning Problems**

"D" type had problems maintaining low NOx at lower firing rates, FGR not sufficient at the firing rates.

#### **Description of Commissioning Solutions**

Inlet dampers installed to throttle air opening prior to forced draft fan, thus creating vacuum and or venture effect pulling more FGR in (obviously the FGR is installed between these new dampers and the forced draft fan.

#### **Description of Installation Problems**

No real physical installation problems

## **Description of Installation Solutions**

# **Description of Operational Problems**

1) Flame instability - "D" type, excessive vibration/ harmonics; 2) insufficient FGR creating higher NOx; 3) FD Fan capacity restriction due to throttled inlet vanes; 4) Boiler capacity limited due to fan problem; 5) Overspeeding (VFD) fan to compensate

#### **Description of Operational Solutions**

1) Flame stability - Mostly running by COEN for correction but addition of preformatted screen around register helped considerably; 2) insufficient FGR corrected with the addition of inlet vanes upstream of FG tie in point; 3,4,5) Not resolved

#### **Other Comments**

Stack monitoring O2 a must (either as alarm or BMS cut out) and recommend installing O2 monitoring in the windbox (depending on size of unit)

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Facility ID	20	Boiler Descriptions	HT Hot Water
Facility Name	Marine Corp Air Ground Combat Center	Boiler Serial No.	#1 14695, #2 14693, #3 14694
Boiler Type	Water Tube	Date Boiler Installed	1977
Other Type		LNB Install Date	2/1/97
Boiler Size	40 Mbtu/hr	LNB Vendor	COEN
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod	
Combination Fuels		LNB Type	Blower Box Extension
Burner System	Other	NOx Emission Limit	0
Other Burner System	Coen	Flame Scanner?	Yes
No. of Burners	3	Flame Scanner Vendor	
Boiler Vendor	I.B.W.	Permit Requirements	NOx 70 ppm @ 3% 02 and 0.084 lbs/MBtu
		-	CO 400 ppm@ 3/6 02
Description of other	Modifications		
Description of Comm	nissioning Problen	ns	
None			
Description of Comm	nissioning Solutio	ns	
Description of Install	lation Problems		
None.			
Description of Install	lation Solutions		
None			
Description of Opera	tional Problems		
Not low enough NOx			
Description of Opera	tional Solutions		
Stack Air Recirculation			
Other Comments			
No			

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Facility ID	8	<b>Boiler Descriptions</b>	Firetube
Facility Name	Naval Medical	Boiler Serial No.	#1 (040903), #2 (040904), # (040905)
	Center San Diego		
Boiler Type	Multiple	Date Boiler Installed	1/1/85
Other Type		LNB Install Date	2/1/97
Boiler Size	16.7	LNB Vendor	Combustion Specialties
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod	
Combination Fuels	#2 Diesel Fuel as	LNB Type	CS-1-17-30
	Emergency Backup		
Burner System	Honeywell	NOx Emission Limit	30
Other Burner System	N/A	Flame Scanner?	No
No. of Burners	3	Flame Scanner Vendor	
Boiler Vendor	Superior	Permit Requirements	NOx Limit on Natural gas 30ppm; NOx Limit on
			#2 Emergency Fuel 40ppm; Co. Limit 300ppm

## **Description of other Modifications**

## **Description of Commissioning Problems**

No commissioning here at the Hospital, the Damper controls were bad, and the contractor just ignored the problem.

## **Description of Commissioning Solutions**

We have started doing our own testing and making adjustments to the system.

# **Description of Installation Problems**

Contractor went Bankrupt, this project took over 3 years to complete.

#### **Description of Installation Solutions**

Get rid of these fly by night Contractor's that rip off the Government on a daily basis. Hold them accountable for the work, if they fail to get the job done in a timely manner, do not pay them.

# **Description of Operational Problems**

## **Description of Operational Solutions**

## **Other Comments**

The Boiler Cabinets were wired improperly from the beginning, my personnel had to rewire these cabinets for the contractor.

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Facility ID	6	<b>Boiler Descriptions</b>				
Facility Name	Point Loma	Boiler Serial No.	#2 (8563-01), #3 (8563-02)			
Boiler Type	Two	Date Boiler Installed	1/19/98			
Other Type		LNB Install Date	01/01/98			
Boiler Size	14.7	LNB Vendor	County Burner			
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod				
Combination Fuels		LNB Type	Johnston Burners			
Burner System	Other	NOx Emission Limit	30 ppm			
Other Burner System		Flame Scanner?	Yes			
No. of Burners	2	Flame Scanner Vendor	Fire Eye			
Boiler Vendor	Johnston	Permit Requirements	Limit Natural Gas 30 ppm			
			CO Limit 300 ppm			
Description of other	Modifications					
Description of Comm	nissioning Problen	ns				
Description of Comm	nissioning Solution	ns				
Description of Instal	lation Problems					
This project went very smoo	th, no problems to report.	Contractor was very professional	and extremely knowledgeable			
Description of Installation Solutions						
Description of Operational Problems						
Description of Operational Solutions						
Other Comments						

Rank	First Nan	ne	Last Name		Title			
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Facility ID	7	Boiler Descriptions	Watertube			
Facility Name	Naval Amphloious Base	Boiler Serial No.	#1 (005729), #2 (005730)			
Boiler Type	Multiple	Date Boiler Installed	1/1/96			
Other Type		LNB Install Date	1/1/96			
Boiler Size	20	LNB Vendor	Coen			
Boiler Fuel	Natural Gas	Date of Major Mod				
Combination Fuels		LNB Type	Coen Micro NOx Burners			
Burner System	Other	NOx Emission Limit	30 ppm			
Other Burner System	N/A	Flame Scanner?	Yes			
No. of Burners	2	Flame Scanner Vendor	Fire Eye			
<b>Boiler Vendor</b>	International Boiler	Permit Requirements	Limit Natural Gas 30 ppm			
	Works		CO Limit 300 ppm			
Description of other	Modifications					
Description of Comm	nissioning Problem	าร				
Trim System did not work pro	operly less than 3% starvi	ing the Burners. No commissionir	ng tests. No gas meters installed per APCD rules.			
Description of Commissioning Solutions						
We have started doing all the testing and setting ourselves to ensure the quality there, and the job is done first time right.						
Description of Install	ation Problems					
Contractor went Bankrupt, and didn't complete the job, the Utilities department finished the job, and have brought other contractors in to						

Description of Installation Solution	ns
help make necessary adjustments and repairs.	

# **Description of Operational Problems**

# **Description of Operational Solutions**

# **Other Comments**

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